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## U.S. Climate Change Policy: Made in California

By HIROKO TABUCHI, New York Times • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:47:29

As chairwoman of the California Air Resources Board, or CARB, Ms. Nichols is the de facto enforcer of the single biggest step the United States has taken to combat the effects of climate change: standards adopted under the Obama administration that mandate a deep cut in emissions from the 190 million passenger cars on America's roads. Together, those vehicles regularly emit more earth-warming gases than the country's power plants. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## From 'hippie thing' to hundreds of mirrors and 1,000 degrees

John Fialka, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:47:49

"It was considered to be like a hippie thing," one veteran scientist recalled. "It wasn't taken seriously." Not anymore. According to the Department of Energy, the solar industry employs 73,000 Americans, and its hiring rate is rising 17 times faster than the nation's economic growth. In some parts of the world, particularly in China, solar's growth rate is even higher. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## Va. moves closer to joining regional climate program

Benjamin Storrow, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:48:31

Conversations between Virginia and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative are "beyond the introductory phase," the director of the commonwealth's air quality division said yesterday. The statement comes amid a flurry of state climate action. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) issued an executive order in May directing state regulators to explore potential partnerships with existing cap-and-trade programs. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## Wash. regulators reject export project

Dylan Brown, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:48:49

Washington state regulators rejected plans today for building North America's biggest coal

export terminal near the mouth of the Columbia River. The Washington Department of Ecology denied “with prejudice” a bid for a water pollution permit for the Millennium Bulk Terminals project in Longview. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## MidAmerican Energy to upgrade older wind turbines throughout Iowa

By Alex Murtha, Daily Energy Insider • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:49:34

MidAmerican Energy Company recently announced that it will upgrade hundreds of aging wind turbines and add additional wind energy sources through a definitive agreement with GE in order to bring cost savings to its Iowa-based customers. The announcement follows a decision from the Iowa Utilities Board to allow MidAmerican to repower portions of its older wind fleet for more efficient energy generation. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## Would Scrapping U.S. Subsidies for Renewable Energy Revive Coal?

By Tim Loh, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:49:13

If federal subsidies for renewables get phased out, will U.S. coal stage a comeback? In other words, will wind and solar get crowded out? That was the question posed by one industry veteran at the Platts Coal Marketing Days conference in Pittsburgh on Tuesday and here’s how a panel of experts responded: [ [read more ...](#) ]

## ‘People are designed to deal with dust’ — EPA air nominee

Amanda Reilly, E&E News reporter • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:50:01

President Trump’s pick to head U.S. EPA’s air office attempted to poke holes in the scientific justification for Obama administration standards meant to protect workers from inhaling tiny and sometimes deadly silica particles. Representing industry challengers, attorney William Wehrum in part argued that people had “physiological mechanisms” to deal with dust at the levels that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration says are harmful and cause respiratory diseases. [ [read more ...](#) ]

## National Clean Energy Week marks a turning point for America’s energy future

By Charles Hernick, Lisa Jacobson, Dylan Reed, The Hill • • Posted 2017-09-27 06:50:19

The national debate on energy has hit a turning point. This week, dozens of clean energy companies and trade associations have come together in a new way to show the power of clean energy to our economy. The inaugural celebration of National Clean Energy Week is dedicated to advancing support for our nation’s energy sector through increased collaboration between leaders in government and industry. [ [read more ...](#) ]

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